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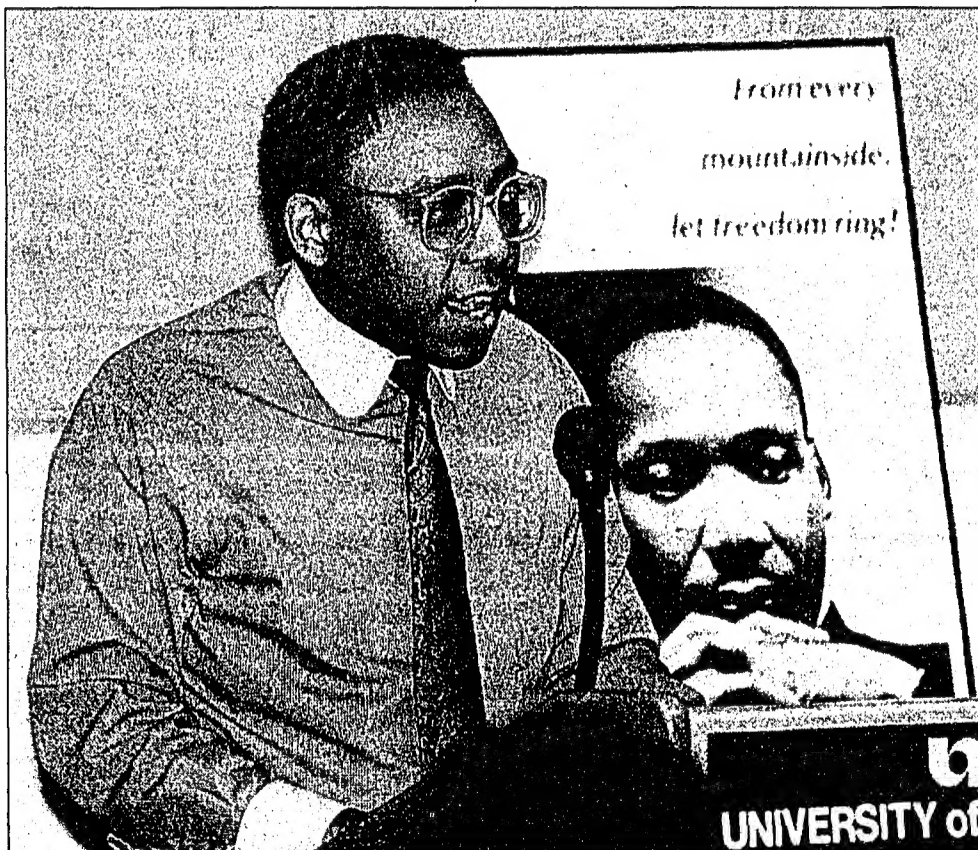
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Luncheon Honors King, Urges Involvement



KATIE RATCLIFF

Senior Staff Writer

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

This was one of the themes for the afternoon at the Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon that was held Wednesday in the Milo Bail Student Center.

The luncheon honored King whose non-violent protests in the 1960s sparked changes in America's attitude towards civil rights.

"I feel like this is a special day in the United States and was celebrated throughout the U.S. so we should celebrate it at UNO in our small campus community," said Marcos Mora, the director of the Cultural Awareness Program. "This luncheon helps us understand what Martin Luther King Jr. stands for."

The day consisted of a lunch

that was preceded by a welcome, an invocation and a musical selection by the UNO Gospel Choir.

Student President/Regent Wil Marunda said he thought the whole day was very nice.

"I thought the singers did a wonderful job and also enjoyed the 'Have A Dream' speech by Alan Black."

Most of the people at the event were there to honor King, who died 32 years ago.

"I feel this is a tremendous way to honor Dr. King's work and legacy," Marunda said.

Andrew Smallwood, professor of black studies at UNO, was the keynote speaker of the day.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Mary Mudd gave the closing remarks and challenged everyone to go out and get involved in the community on the holiday.

"It's just what Dr. King would have wanted," Mudd said.

Professor Alan Black reads Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech at Wednesday's luncheon. About 200 people attended the event held to honor King. Black is a professor in the College of Education.

CM Chris Machian

University Hires Washington, D.C. Consulting Firm

JANET STYFFE

News Editor

The University of Nebraska has contracted with a Washington D.C. consulting firm for liaison services with the federal government.

The Van Scoyoc consulting firm will help the university identify opportunities for federal grants and contracts for research at the four NU campuses and assist in the competitive grant and appropriation processes. In addition, the firm will maintain regular communication with the members of the Nebraska congressional delegation.

When asked if the group would act as a lobby, Joe Rowson, assistant vice president and director of communications for NU said, "The short answer is yes."

However, the firm will also be a communication vehicle between the federal government and congress and the university to make the university more aware of federal research opportunities.

"It will provide effective representation," Rowson said.

The services that Van Scoyoc provides in identifying grant opportunities will help NU in its goal of becoming a major research institution.

NU President L. Dennis Smith said both the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center have identified significant increases in competitively awarded research funding as strategic priorities.

"While we have had reasonably good success and have always had outstanding support from Nebraska's delegation in the congress, we

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UNO Martial Arts Club: a Place for Action

RYAN NORRIS

Senior Staff Writer

The Martial Arts Club at UNO is celebrating its 30th birthday this year. Since 1970 Master Su Ki Shin has taught martial arts for class credit and ran the Martial Arts Club.

Shin is a grand master and holds an 8th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, 7th Degree in Hap Ki Do, and a 7th degree in Judo. He has over 43 years experience in martial arts, with 27 years of teaching experience at UNO. He is the founder of the martial arts club.

"Some students have really enjoyed it, have been here a long time, and also they move up in skill level too," Shin said about the students who are members of the club.

Nick Dinoza, a senior business major at UNO and vice president of the Martial Arts Club, worked his way up to a black belt level

through his four years of hard work.

"I wanted to work out with new people, that's the reason I came here," Dinoza said.

If you join the club you learn Hapkido, Tae Kwon Do and Judo as well as traditional, competition and modern street defense styles.

The \$35 fee that is required to join the club gets you movie nights with club friends, a banquet dinner, a club jacket, one entry into a tournament and access to club parties.

The Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at from 1-3 p.m. in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building in room 110.

Club President Mark Dungan has been with the club since he started his academic career at UNO.

"We meet not just to work out, but to make friends too, and it's great for anybody of any experience," Dungan said.

New ELF in UNO Library Offers Help for Students

ERIC BOHN

Staff Writer

The library staff members were in a playful mood when they named the new Enhanced Library Facility Lab late last semester. But the ELF, a cluster of 14 computer workstations in the northwest corner of the

main level, is no joke.

ELF allows students use most MS Office products and check their campus e-mail, in addition to the standard World Wide Web and database access.

Sara Martin, systems librarian at UNO, submitted

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Student Health Advisory is New Club on Campus

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Features Editor

The Student Health Advisory Committee is a new club designed to allow students to take an active part in health related issues for the campus community. SHAC is sponsored by the UNO Student Health Services and the UNO Alcohol and Drug Education.

Activities for students joining this club include helping to promote campus-wide awareness, becoming a volunteer of the student health center, developing leadership skills and a number of other endeavors.

Marcia Adler, the coordinator of Student Health Services, is excited about this new project.

"The Student Health Advisory Committee is an avenue to get people more involved in wellness as a whole — from choices about eating to drinking," Adler said.

The Student Health Education Organization has been doing a variety of activities for five years and has gotten a good

amount of participation from students in the past, Adler said.

"We've had a tremendous number of students participating in health promotions," Adler said.

Events in the past have included a presentation about alcohol and nutrition. Students were not only educated on the topic, but had the opportunity to try out interesting gear like beer-goggles.

The SHAC hopes to continue doing events like these and also to have some new additions.

Adler said one of the committee's major goals is to have as much student involvement as possible in planning out the various health events.

"We want it to be student driven, not faculty driven. We want the ideas of the students," Adler said.

The SHAC will hold its first meeting on Jan. 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center in the Gallery Room.

Requirements for membership include being a currently enrolled UNO student and having some interest in alcohol and substance abuse prevention or general health and wellness.

Senior Kicked out of School for Artwork That Officials Say Was a Threat

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

LEON, Kan. — Sarah Boman says she was aiming for conceptual art: art that emphasizes an idea, rather than an object. So she admits her drawing representing the delusions of an "obsessive, compulsive, paranoid" madman might have gone a little against the grain.

But when the 17-year-old senior at Bluestem High School tacked it up on a school door last week, she was expecting artistic criticism from classmates and teachers. Instead, she found herself suspended for the rest of the school year.

Classmates and neighbors are circulating petitions for her reinstatement so she can graduate with her class this spring. An art gallery has invited her to exhibit so people can make up their own minds whether the art is threatening, the gallery owner said.

Principal Dale Harper said school officials were immediately concerned when they read the poster, which was placed on a classroom door and was unsigned.

In the center of the drawing is the word "please" written in big, red letters. Sentences spiral out from the middle to show the madman's spinning, paranoid thoughts, Sarah said.

"Please, tell me who killed my dog," it reads. "I miss him very much."

Later it reads: "I'll kill you all! You all killed my dog because you all hated him."

Sarah sees her punishment as a gross overreaction to what was intended to be thought-provoking art.

"It was entirely fictional," Sarah said. "It was just a different kind of art I wanted to try. It was supposed to be a look into the head of a madman. I never expected this."

Harper, when asked if he thought the artwork constituted a threat, said, "I think the words speak for themselves."

He then said he wouldn't get into specifics of the incident because it was under appeal.

A three-person school district suspension committee heard Sarah's case and found that the artwork constituted a "threat of violence" against the school and warranted a suspension for the rest of the school year.

Sarah and her parents, Jerry and Julie Boman, have filed an appeal to the Bluestem school board, which can overturn the panel's decision or reduce the punishment.

Jerry Boman said he understood the school's concern but argued that school officials were taking this too far.

"My daughter has never even had detention," he said. "My wife and I aren't even really big fans of this piece. But we're intelligent enough to know that it is art, not a threat against anybody."

The Acme Gallery wants the public to be able to judge the quality of Sarah's art. To that end, the gallery and

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are at a disadvantage in not having day-to-day advocacy in the funding agencies and in the pertinent congressional committee offices," Smith said. He added that most major universities maintain an ongoing presence in Washington, D.C.

The hiring of a consulting firm should not negatively impact the individual universities' offices of sponsored programs, which help professors write research grants.

"Hopefully, it enhances their ability," Rowson said.

ELF

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the proposal to use the student technology fee for ELF. She was at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln when a similar system was inaugurated, and witnessed the positive response.

"Overnight it was the most popular lab on campus," Martin said.

Before ELF, the library's workstations only provided access to Web tools and library databases. In response to student requests, Martin said, the new ELF Lab will offer opportunities to conduct research, write papers and create presentations all without leaving the library.

ELF also offers laser printing at five cents per page and it is open the same hours of the library.

Martin said the convenience of the ELF lab's hours and its safety are both pros.

"Especially at night, women might feel more comfortable being in the library," Martin said.

Martin also said the focus of this lab is different from other university labs. It is a library lab, and the focus is on research and other student-related activities. An assistant,

trained in Web and Office 2000 basics, is available at the ELF assistant desk. Manuals for all software used can be found on the shelves behind the reference desk.

The ELF lab is not the only new library addition. There are two new databases — Inspec for electronics and computing and EI Compendex for engineering — and a "look up by name" feature which is only a week old. These can all be accessed from the library or home by choosing "research" on the library Web site, then selecting "indexes."

Martin plans to offer training on how to access the library from home around the time of midterm exams. Those interested should inquire at the library or watch the Web site for news.

She also said she always welcomes suggestions from students if there is something they want to see in the lab.

In the meantime, Martin is working on further expanding services in the library. She would like to include a scanner and a stand-alone CD-ROM to be used by appointment.

"I see it coming," Martin said, "A day when students at UNO will wear headsets and look at multimedia files."

NEWS BRIEFS

Chancellor Nancy Belck has been out of her office with pneumonia this week but is expected to return Monday. A chest X-ray Friday, Jan. 21 showed that complications Belck experienced from a recent case of the flu were results of pneumonia.

Regent Drew Miller challenged leaders of Metro: Right to Life, Nebraska Right to Life and Rescue of the Heartland to a debate over the use of aborted fetal tissue in research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The three leaders have accepted Miller's challenge, but are against having a panel of leading citizens because it would promote the attitude that "regular" Nebraskans are too ignorant to have a say in the matter. KKAR, KCRO and KFAB radio stations have expressed interest in

airing or hosting the debate.

UNO raised \$51,286.40 for the United Way of the Midlands/CHAD Campaign. This was just short of the campus goal of \$54,700. The Omaha community raised over \$18.5 million to be used for such projects as a new Latina Resource Center and the South Omaha YMCA.

UNMC students are working with health care professionals across Nebraska as part of the Rural Health Education Network. RHEN was developed to address the shortage of health care professionals in rural Nebraska by exposing primary care students at UNMC to rural health settings with the idea that, if students receive their training in a rural area, they are more likely to return to a rural area to practice.

UNO Has it All ... When it Comes to Cars

ZAHRA CHEEMA

Features Editor

The one thing around campus that there is no shortage of is cars. Every shape, brand, size and condition imaginable of a car can be found around campus. From smooth sports cars, to big family vans, to tiny little Pintos -- UNO has them all.

Every car has an owner who relies desperately on their car for transportation.

UNO junior Susan Davar has a black '91 Isuzu Impulse. When asked why she chose that car she said, "It literally fit the bill!"

Davar's car might be a few years old, but she takes pride in one of its features.

"Its got handling by Lotus (a sports car manufacturer), that's what I keep bragging about to my friends," Davar said.

Davar recalls a memorable situation she had with her car. She and her friend took her car into the car wash and just as the wash began, she saw that the hatchback was open.

"My friend jumped in the back and managed to shut it," Davar said.

Davar has only one complaint with her car.

"It's too small," she said.

Junior Nick Smith owns a different type of car.

"I have a beat-up red '90 Geo Prism," Smith said.

When asked why he bought the car, Smith said, "It was inexpensive and used less gas than my '64 Oldsmobile."

Smith said if he could get any car he wanted, he would get an Acura NSX mid-engine race car.

"I could get it, but I think I'd go for function more than style," Smith said.

Freshman Jolene Knope drives a dark purple '97 Chrysler Cirrus.

"I paid for it myself," Knope said.

Knope's Cirrus has many features which she enjoys.

"It's loaded. It has power everything: power seats, power breaks. I got lucky. It was used when I bought it," Knope said.

She said the car has brought her luck, too.

While coming out of a bank parking lot, a car coming uphill from the opposite side was speeding. Knope was unable to see the other car because it had not yet come over the hill. She moved ahead, and barely avoided colliding into the other car.

"My car has never gone as fast as it did that day, if it hadn't, the other car would've hit me. Now I love the car, I treat it very nicely," Knope said.

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artists' conclave will stage an exhibition later this month of several works by the aspiring artist.

Since her suspension, Sarah has taken her portfolio to an assistant professor of art at Wichita State University. She has a letter from the professor saying the "madman" piece indeed falls into the classification of conceptual art.

"If they just would have told me not to do it, I never would have put anything up again," she said. "I can understand their concern, but they know me, and they know who I am. I would never hurt anyone."

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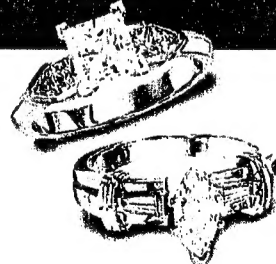
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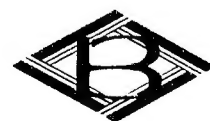
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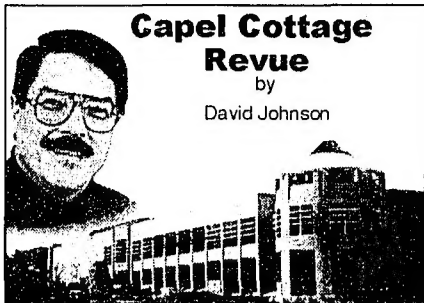
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Reading Binge



Capel Cottage Revue

by
David Johnson

I'm in my annual reading binge mood.

It happens this time of year. Don't know why. I won't read a thing for eons ... then BOOM! I can't stop reading. I can't get enough. Right now I'm reading more than most Florida State football seniors have done in four years.

And it doesn't matter what I read — fiction, non-fiction, humor, side panels from a box of Captain Crunch. Just anything. I even turned off the Celtics-Lakers game to read a woman's magazine.

Weird, huh?

Here's a revue of the books I read recently:

- "Road Swing" by Steve Rushin, 1998. Rushin is a writer for "Sports Illustrated" magazine. On the eve of his 30th birthday, Rushin takes off on a road trip to visit the little-known haunts of sports legends. He goes to French Lick, Indiana (home of Larry Bird), Hayden, Kentucky (to visit the high school quarterback, Tim Couch), Dyersville, Iowa (the real Field of Dreams) and Graceland (where racquetball killed Elvis) among other sites. The book is hilarious and a must for sport fanatics. Rushin's writing does become overly sarcastic and bitter toward the end of the long journey, much as Bill Bryson's did in his epic trip to find America's most perfect small town. Worth the money.

- "The Diamond Smugglers" by Ian Fleming, 1965. Fleming (creator of James Bond, 007) was also a London correspondent and key contributor to both the U.K.'s and the U.S.A.'s intelligence agencies. "The Diamond Smugglers" comes from an interview Fleming conducted with John Blaize of the International Diamond Security Organization. It details the multi-million dollar smuggling operations which took place in Africa in the 1950s. Excellent background stuff to help you make heads or tails of the mass murders of blacks now taking place in Angola's illegal diamond mining industry. Reads just as well today as it did in 1965.

- "Don't Stand Too Close To A Naked Man" by Tim Allen, 1994. I laughed so hard during the first half of this book I had to tighten my truss. Allen talks about childhood mysteries, sex, marriage, women, kids, and of course, tools. Even after reading this book, I can tell that Allen, like me, still doesn't understand women. Written in the format for stand-up comedy.

- "Acquired Tastes" by Peter Mayle, 1986. You will need this book if you win the Powerball. It's a step-by-step manual of how to buy the best French champagne by the caseload, how to get measured for hand-made British shirts, how to choose the finest spas, servants, cigars, caviar, etc. Mayle should know; he works in the south of France. Reading this made me want to go out and buy a quick pick.

- "Star Trek Memories" by William Shatner. The hype said this book was full of stories of practical jokes on the set and a look at the private lives of the cast. Phooey! I am a super-trekkie, but this book made me sick. All it contains are stories of how hard Gene Roddenberry worked. There are a couple of anecdotes, but nothing worthy of the \$15.95 price. Shatner tells us that because of working problems he had with other cast members, James Doohan

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Drive Me Crazy



Renaissance Woman

By
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I think my car needs a checkup.

The speedometer does, anyway. When I drive places, my speedometer says I'm going the speed limit, but everyone around me seems to be going a lot faster. So, I am led to the conclusion that either the speedometer is lying to me, or that 72nd Street has become that land of "Race Car Ya-Yas" that the band Cake sings about. Seeing as that my family can't afford yet another car repair, I am going to have to believe the latter — that everyone around me is speeding.

Speeding is not a good thing. The instructors in Drivers Ed. made a point that we know that nifty little fact. Speeding honestly doesn't get you anywhere significantly faster, and it also burns more gas. And yet, while knowing the facts and the consequences, people continue to speed.

The police have even started to "crack down" on speeding. One night while riding along on I-80, I was amazed to see four police cars in a row, lights flashing, next to cars that had been pulled over. I was very impressed with the efforts of the police department.

I don't think people realize how dangerous, not to mention obnoxious, they are when they drive recklessly. I see this all the time driving up and down 72nd Street: people driving at least 15 mph over the speed limit, zipping in and out of traffic, not using signals, running red lights, riding my bumper, etc. (I'd like to

have words with whoever decided to put a sign on the back of my car that says "Tailgate Me.") Not only does this kind of driving endanger the person driving, but it also endangers the mere passerby, like myself, the kind of drivers the other person is zipping around. I can't tell you how many times I've had to slam on the brakes in order to avoid being hit by another car. I don't appreciate having to risk life and limb just to get to class every day.

I'm not trying to say that I'm perfect, because I'm not. Sure, I may space off for a minute or two and go a little faster than I should; everyone does once in a while. But I don't make a routine habit of driving twice as fast as the given speed limit. It's called a "speed limit" for a reason — it's the limit of the speed that cars can safely go without endangering one another. (And the speed limit does apply to BOTH lanes.)

I suggest that all those drivers out there who think that 72nd Street is the Daytona 500 do just one simple thing — SLOW DOWN. Stop and think, is it really worth the danger to maybe get someplace a few minutes faster? Are you willing to risk hurting yourself, or even worse, injuring someone else because of a little bad planning? Take a deep breath and lay off the gas pedal. No matter how clever you think you are when it comes to speeding, you will get caught someday — and you will have to pay.

Hindsight of Others Gives Insight to Students

a column by David Cunningham, Staff Writer

"If you could live life over again, what would you do differently?" Dr. Anthony Campolo asked this question of 50 people over the age of 95 in a recent sociological study. Even though this was an open-ended question, three answers constantly re-emerged and dominated the results of the study. Their answers:

1. "I would risk more" -- Risk being more successful in life. Not being afraid to dream, to try something new, to make new friends, to be more child-like, to have fun. Everyone wants to be happy. I believe these elderly people had dreams and things they wanted to accomplish. Hang on to your dreams and believe they will happen. Be hopeful and know that any great thought can be achieved.

In our lives we allow people to undermine or even diminish our dreams and the risk, but if we just believe we will be victorious. A French philosopher once said, "He who risks

nothing, gains nothing".

I remember when I was in high school some of my coaches didn't think I would be a great athlete because I was too small. And I remember being very discouraged. I took a risk and became a captain on my varsity football team and also was MVP for our championship game for our city. Then I went on to receive a football scholarship to a Division 1 college. Take a risk!

2. "I would do more things that would live on after I am dead." These people wish they had left a legacy. No one wants to be forgotten. People want to feel that their lives have counted for something, that they would leave this world with some mark that says, "I was here!"

Throughout our lives we make different goals and strive to achieve them. For us students, one of those goals is a college degree. What kind of things can you do that

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(Scotty) wouldn't even talk to him away from the set. But he doesn't tell us why. Big disappointment.

- "The Book of Guys" by Garrison Keillor. Another miss. Keillor (creator of Lake Wobegon) moved away from Minnesota and took up residence in New York. This book shows it. "The Book of Guys" is full of profanity, obscenity and debauchery. There's only one laugh in the entire collection of short stories. Don't waste your money.

- "I Love Paul Revere, Whether He Rode Or Not" by Richard Shenkman. 1991. This book is a must for history buffs. Shenkman's research debunks the myths associated with some of our most celebrated events: Washington's crossing of the Delaware, Betsy Ross and the first American flag, how alcohol, money and power has controlled almost every facet of our country's history. Don't read this if you wear rose-colored glasses.

HINDSIGHT

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will last forever? Have you ever thought about making a difference in your lifetime? Changing the world one person at a time.

Leaving a legacy means changing a life. We can make a difference in our own children's lives or even our roommate's. It means getting involved. Professors & T.A.s teach the lectures, moms and dads send the money, but it might be your friendship that influences someone in a way that helps them become great. Make a mark!

3. "I would reflect more"

People wished they had given more thought to their actions. Decisions made today direct the outcome of our future. People need to more seriously consider the decisions they make. That is what these people expressed at age 95. They expressed that they would have done things differently after reflecting on their earlier decisions. You can reflect now and avoid many of the regrets they face.

Often, what we think we want is not really what we want. We spend the first half of our lives trying to distance ourselves from people and the second half of our lives wondering where everyone is. We should be building deeper relationships — but what do we do? We pull into our garages and close the door behind us. We shut ourselves in our houses. Most people don't even know their neighbors.

"Other" people do reach out, will you? Decide what things are really important in life and start thinking about how you can pursue them effectively.

Relationships are probably the most important thing a person can have. Everything is built on relationships. No matter if you go to the store, restaurant, movie or whatever. Everyone interacts with everyone else. We need to take our relationships a little deeper with mom and dad, our family and the people around us. Not only would your relationships be more fulfilling, you would learn many wise and incredible things. The thing I've come to learn in my life is I need friends.

I once was a person who felt the need for no one, but as I grow older my opinion is that relationships are the key to true and effective growth. I used to think I could never cry in front of people, that it was wimpy, but I have learned that crying in front of anyone takes courage. To get vulnerable in conversation with someone takes courage.

John Maxwell said, "A person who is successful has simply formed the habit of doing things that unsuccessful people will not do."

This holds true for friendships. We should be willing to express our appreciation to our friends and family.

When you are older and someone asks you the question, "If you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?" what will be your answer?

CORRECTION

In the Tues., Jan. 18 issue of the *Gateway*, the article "Joslyn Shines with a One-Night Performance of 'The Meeting'" was attributed incorrectly to David Johnson. The actual writer of the article was Matt Whipkey, staff writer. The *Gateway* regrets the error.

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Bobbi McCollum fills us in on her night of Cosmic Bowling



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The lanes draw crowds of people, most of whom are in their 20s. Lane reservations begin at 10:30 p.m., but prove to be almost useless considering that those who occupy lanes during the regular bowling session are allowed to stay on them for cosmic bowling. It is nearly impossible to avoid a wait for an open lane, so participants must get there early.

Other entertainment options are open during the waiting period including arcade games, pool tables, a bar, pickle cards and the ever-popular wheel of love at which you can test your passion level for only a quarter.

For those who come with a grumbling tummy there is a snack bar with goodies ranging from cheese sticks to patty melts, all of which are at moderate prices. But for those of you who are hungry and cheap there are vending machines with a wide range of candy bars, chips and pop.

Once a lane opens up, there are two obstacles to overcome. The first being to choose the right size of stylish rented shoes to ensure a fashionable entrance onto the lanes. The second, and most difficult, is to find just the right ball.

There is a large selection of balls to choose from (no sexual pun intended), so choose wisely. One would want a ball that is a comfortable weight for them and that also has the right size of finger holes. Now this is where the true excitement begins. It's time to let loose and bowl, baby!

The big screens are playing hip-hop videos that, although may be overplayed and annoying, cause the crowd to loosen up and groove. When the pins fall down, the hands fly up into high fives as laughter and cheers fill the air. All of this happens stress-free thanks to the automatic scoring system.

Imagine all of the lights, dancing and falling pins for the price of \$3.45 per game plus \$2.00 shoe rental. There is also the option of buffet-style bowling. It's \$29.95 on Fridays and \$34.95 on Saturdays for all you can bowl.

One last tip for those who choose to venture out for a night of cosmic bowling, be sure to bring someone that is worse than you as to ensure your self confidence.

Downtown Bar Draws Crowds for Fun, Music



a review of Banana Joe's at night

RYAN NORRIS

Senior Staff Writer

The corner of 13th and Jones looks quiet during the day, but when Banana Joe's opens its doors on the weekends, it is filled with dozens of people. These patrons, most of which are in their mid-20's, come to hear loud urban music and drink a variety of alcoholic beverages.

Banana Joe's is not your typical bar. The large bar is part of a nationwide chain, the Omaha location draws people from all over the metro area.

A group of goateed bouncers verify the age of patrons at the door and obtain the cover charge of \$7 to get in.

After shoveling entering, the first thing one sees is a female bartender who has her Banana Joe's t-shirt tied at the waist so her midriff is exposed. These female bartenders sell brand name beer straight out of a ice-filled horse trough. The price is pretty reasonable as most bottles are around \$1.50.

Those who arrive before 10 p.m. can expect a small crowd and little music being played. After the ten o'clock hour the crowd grows and people decide to loose their inhibitions and start dancing the night away.

Banana Joe's has a theme that is present throughout the whole bar. The decor looks a bit beachy with a Caribbean nautical vibe present. If you drink too much, there are plenty of life preservers on the walls to keep you afloat.

Right: Frank Elden, general manager of Banana Joe's, demonstrates his unique bartending skills. The downtown location is one of the most heavily visited bars in Omaha.

Like most bars, Banana Joe's does feature the essentials such as pool tables and a nice light system.

Banana Joe's goes one step further in order to please its customers. The bar is equipped with a large wooden deck that sports tables and benches for outdoor drinking enjoyment. A variety of people congregate on that deck and if you are insecure about the status of your car you can have someone keep an eye on it from there.

Banana Joe's makes sure to crank up the music throughout the entire building. The blend of hip-hop and pop music tends to get many moving from side to side. The D.J. mixes music behind the replica of a bow of a sail boat that is protruding out of the wall. It isn't to unusual for the D.J. to holler out commands to dancers and drive the audience wilder.

Most of the regular customers at Banana Joe's are young college students and professional business people.

Since Banana Joe's opened in 1999, it has been the subject of criticism and problems from neighbors and other businesses. Neighboring stores and buildings have complained about the loud noise coming from the club and patrons' activities outside the club.

Though Banana Joe's may not be considered a "neighborhood watering hole," it is a place to get down, dance and a hang out for single people who are out looking for others.



DN Dana Nelson



The Cheap and The Choice

contains the opinion of and compiled by Brandon Pappas

Art

"Soul of Africa: African Art from the Han Coray Collection" Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St. Tour takes place at 11 a.m. on Saturday the 22nd. Admission is free. For more info call 342-3300.

"Michiko Kon: Still Lives" Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St. "Michiko Kon: Still Life" opens on Saturday and will run through Mar. 19. Admission on Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon is free. For more info call 342-3300.

Concerts

"Lasermajic Rock" Mallory Kountze Planetarium, Durham Science Center. Fri. & Sat. nights. Pink Floyd: The Wall at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is only \$5 for adults. For more info call the physics hotline at 554-3722, or check out the web site at www.physics.unomaha.edu

"Spirituals as Art Songs" Straus Performing Arts Center, Recital Hall. A lecture and recital will be the main feature on Sunday night at the Recital Hall located in the Straus Performing Arts Center. The free show is part of the Jubilee series at UNO. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 554-3427.

"Jason Stuart" Funny Bone Comedy Club, 705 N. 17th St. One of the funniest hypnotists that you will ever see is back. Show times are Fri. and Sat. at 7:30

p.m. and 10 p.m. Sun show is at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 493-8036.

"Carolyn's Mother" Ranch Bowl Entertainment Center, 1600 S. 72 St. Carolyn's Mother will be joined by Man Down on Friday. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more info call 339-0900.

"Spiral Locomotive" The 49'er, 49th and Dodge Streets. This 21 and over concert is sure to please those Saturday night musical cravings. Show starts around 9 p.m. For more info call 554-5841.

Theater

"Forever Plaid: The Heavenly Musical" Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St. Friday is the opening night for the year's first musical at the Omaha Community Playhouse. This production runs thru Feb. 20. Curtain times are Wed. - Sat. at 7:30 p.m., and Sun. at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$23/Wed., Thurs. and Sun., and \$26 /Fri. and Sat. Student discounts are available. For tickets or more info call 553-4890. You can also check out their web site at www.omahaplayhouse.com

"Kiss Me Kate" Dundee Dinner Theatre, 5021 Underwood St. Friday is opening night for the newest Dundee Dinner Theatre production. Show times are Thur. - Sat. at 8 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m., and Sun. at 2 p.m. Prices range from \$13.50 - \$24.95. For reservations or more info call 558-8535.



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by Madame Zora

AQUARIUS

(JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18)

This week you will fall into sudden states of meditation. You will have no control over it. Without warning you will fall onto the ground in a yoga position. Concentrate hard.

PISCES

(FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20)

"Monty Python's Search for the Holy Grail" has always been your favorite movie. You know every scene and every line. Your dreams will be full Trojan bunnies, and horseless "knights."

ARIES

(MARCH 21 - APRIL 19)

You have always known that you have the ability to fly. You have gone bird-watching many times and know how it is done. This week give it a shot. Spread your arms out and leap!

TAURUS

(APRIL 20 - MAY 20)

Your power highlighter color this week is Sunny Delight-orange. Let yourself loose and highlight everything you see. Try to coat your pages with solid orange.

GEMINI

(MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

This week you will not feel the cold weather at all. Come to school in shorts, a tank-top and a pair of bathroom flip-flops. Top it off with a pair of dark sunglasses.



CANCER

(JUNE 22 - JULY 22)

In the morning you take the shuttle bus to your class. Everyone riding in it seems to be drowsy; almost hypnotized. Next time listen very carefully to the shuttle bus radio for the answer.

LEO

(JULY 23 - AUGUST 22)

You have started noticing the tiny holes in your bedroom wall. Every morning you wake up, more appear. They are in elaborate patterns, and are starting to resemble the Microsoft logo. He's after you.

VIRGO

(AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22)

This week is computer keyboard week. Treat your keyboard extra special. Don't type so hard, and spend some quality time talking to it.

LIBRA

(SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23)

This week you need to release a little stress. Go to Wal-Mart in the morning and sit outside the entrance. Everytime someone is about to enter, say "you dropped something" and laugh hysterically when they look. You'll feel reborn.

SCORPIO

(OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 20)

Try to stay away from people this week. Do not talk to them, or look at them. If you have to miss classes for this, than I suggest you do.

SAGITTARIUS

(NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 20)

Lately you have lost the ability to do work. Every time you attempt to pick up a working tool, your hands and arms freeze. This is a great gift which you have received — indulge.

CAPRICORN

(DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19)

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CD Reviews

by Rae Lican

Fiona Apple "When the Pawn..." (Geffen/Halo/Epic)

Forget the fact that the title to Fiona Apple's sophomore release is a pretentious, lengthy 90 words long. The ten piano-driven tracks contained within the disc are absolutely rock. From the rhythmic, thunderous opener "On the Border" to the melodic closing song "I Know," Apple dishes out plenty of deep thought and emotions. Interesting string arrangements, and superb songwriting. "Fast Forward," the last-paced first single, received mediocre airplay; we can only hope the next single "Limp" fares better and helps Apple gain the well-deserved success for her top-notch album. Grade: A+

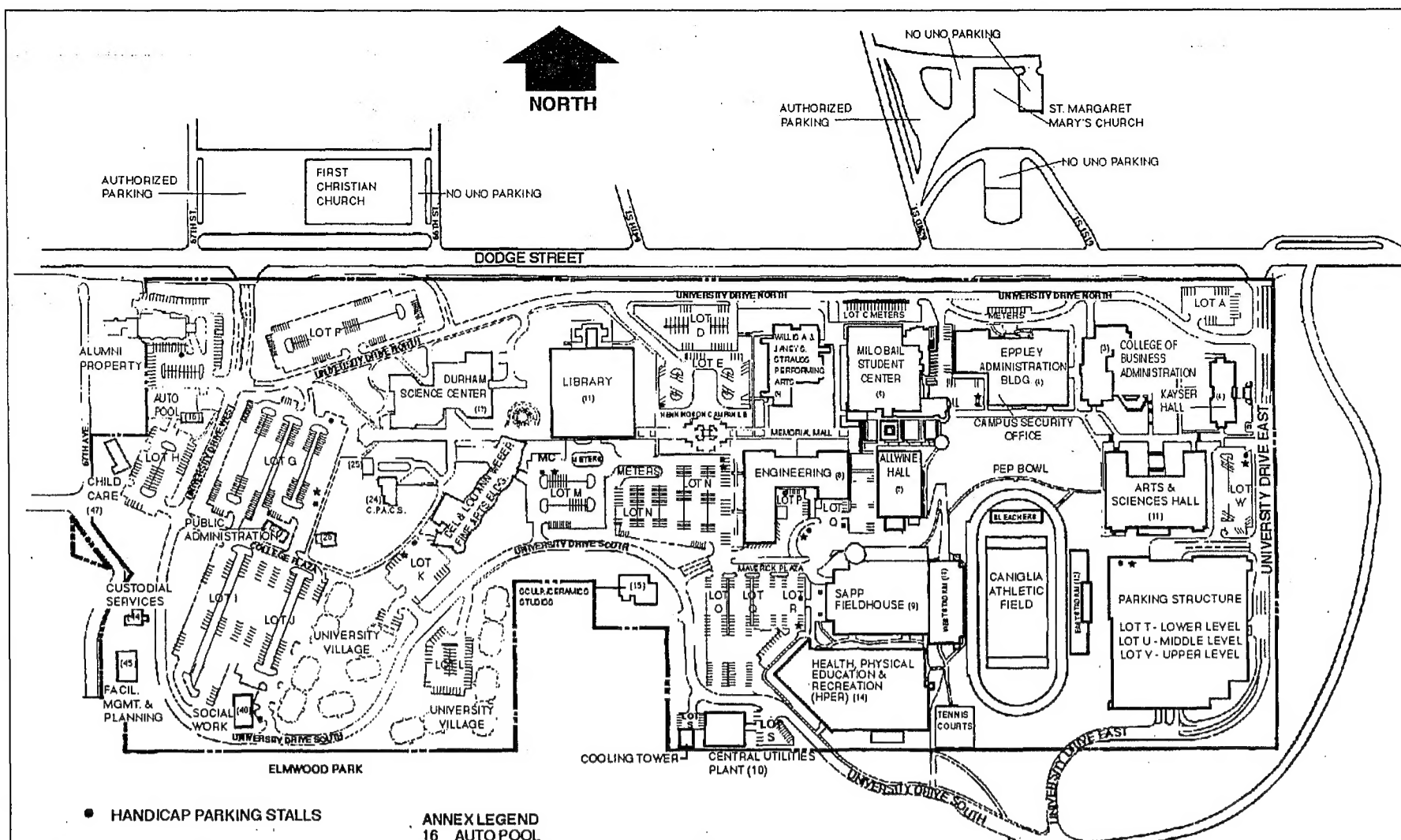
Foo Fighters "There Is Nothing Left To Lose" (RCA/Reprise Records)

This release from the Fooz is chock full of hard rocking songs. "Frankie's Song" and "Gimme Stitches" showcase frontman Dave Grohl's talents and are as thrashworthy as anything previously released by the band. Other songs like "Next Year" and the played to death first single "Everlong" provide for an overall musically interesting mix. Bonus: the enhanced CD provides for "Learn To Fly," links to the website, photos, lyrics, and a video of Dave Grohl. This album is great, fun rock. Grade: A-

Metallica "S.A.M." (Elektra)

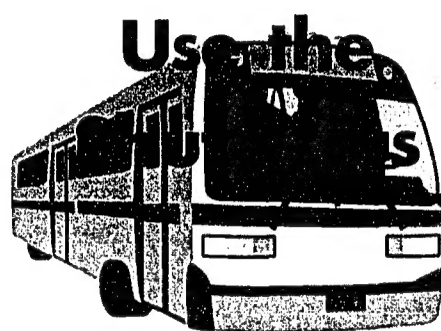
Not many other metal bands could have pulled off a rock opera. Metallica's attempt took a lot of guts on the part of the band and the label. The potential for trash-talking on the part of the band is obvious, but the payers know. This two-disc masterpiece is a masterpiece. The album is filled with orchestral harmonies, perfectly timed, and the band's sound is as powerful as ever. The two-disc set is a must-have for any Metallica fan. Grade: A

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Mav Wrestlers to Host National Dual Meet

KATIE RATCLIFF

Senior Staff Writer

Coach Mike Denney and the UNO wrestling team will host the NCAA National Wrestling Coaching Association Division II Duals this weekend at the Sapp Fieldhouse. Wrestling begins Friday at 9 a.m. and concludes Saturday with the championship finals at 1:30 p.m.

There will be 16 teams participating in the meet, 12 of which are ranked in the top-20. Seven of those teams are in the top 10. There are 44 ranked wrestlers expected to compete including seven number ones.

"We're very excited to be hosting the duals at UNO," Denney said. "The tournament will be at UNO this year as well as in 2002."

After finishing last weekend off by beating Minnesota State-Mankato on Friday and Augustana on Saturday, the team is ready to go this weekend.

"We will dual San Francisco State on Friday at 11 a.m., and then will go up against the winner of the Shippensburg State vs. Chadron College match at 3:30 p.m.," Denney said. "Then we will hopefully be in the dual on Friday night at 7 p.m. as well, then be back on Saturday for the 1:30 p.m. finals."

Denney feels the Mavs have many

attributes which are very important to be successful in the sport of wrestling.

"We have very strong wrestlers and a lot of team strength," Denney said. "We have a lot of depth on the team and have quality athletes at every weight."

UNO has five ranked wrestlers in Division II and the team is ranked No. 1 in the nation.

Men to keep an eye on are: No. 1-ranked Mack LaRock (22-4) at 125 lbs., No. 3-ranked Boyce Voorhees (8-4) at 149 lbs., No. 3-ranked Allan Cartwright (14-2) at 157 lbs., No. 1-ranked Chris Blair (24-6) at 165 lbs. and No. 5-ranked Scott Antoniak (17-4) at 184 lbs.

Denney said the wrestlers at the other weight classes are hoping to have a good showing at the tournament this weekend. He said even though those men aren't ranked, some of them expect to be in when the new rankings come out in two weeks.

Roderick Ratcliff (4-5), the redshirt freshmen at 133 lbs., has trained hard for this tournament. Cody Ritter or Pete Koster would like a good showing at 141 pounds. Zach Stalder (174), Chad Wallace (197) and heavyweight Tyrice Ellebb would also like to show the other teams at the tournament what the "way of the warrior" is all about.

Mav Hockey Home to Lakers

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor



Fresh from their triumphant win over Michigan State on the road, the UNO Mavericks hockey team (7-11-4) returns home for a weekend series against Lake Superior State. The puck drops at the Civic Auditorium both Friday and Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

This will be the first ever meeting between the two schools.

The Lakers (10-11-1) ended a four-game winless streak last weekend with a sweep over Alaska-Fairbanks. They are led by junior forward Ryan Vince (4 goals, 15 assists), junior defenseman Ryan Knox (2 goals, 13 assists), sophomore forward Jeremy Bachusz (8 goals, 6 assists),

and senior forward Ben Keup (8 goals, 3 assists).

Junior Jayme Platt (2.55 goals against average) is expected to start in goal.

Although UNO won its first game on the road last weekend, Head Coach Mike Kemp's crew is glad to be home. The Mavs are 5-3-2 at the Civic Auditorium. They are also 4-0-1 when scoring first at home.

UNO is paced by junior forward Allan Carr (9 goals, 11 assists), junior center Jason White (5 goals, 8 assists), senior forward Derek Reynolds (4 goals, 9 assists), junior forward Jason Cupp (2 goals, 11 assists), and sophomore forward Jeff Hoggan (8 goals, 4 assists). The Mavs have scored 61 goals in their 22 games.

In goal, UNO goes with either Kendall Sidoruk (3.57 goals against average) or Rodney McLeod (2.95 goals against average).

Friday night's game is sure to be jumpin'. It will be the 53rd consecutive sellout at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

Nick Fohr, sophomore left-winger, a pre-med student at UNO, will be on the ice this weekend as the Mavs take on the Lakers of Lake Superior State, Michigan. Fohr played two seasons for the Lincoln Stars of the USHL and was named team captain for a USHL select team that competed in Germany.

UNO Men's Basketball on the Road in NCC Play

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

Head Coach Kevin Lehman and the UNO Maverick men's basketball team take the bus north this weekend for a pair of North Central Conference games against South Dakota State on Friday and Augustana on Saturday.

UNO (11-6) tips off against the Jackrabbits Friday at 8 p.m. at Frost Arena in Brookings, S.D. The team then travels to Sioux Falls, S.D. for another 8 p.m. start Saturday against the Vikings.

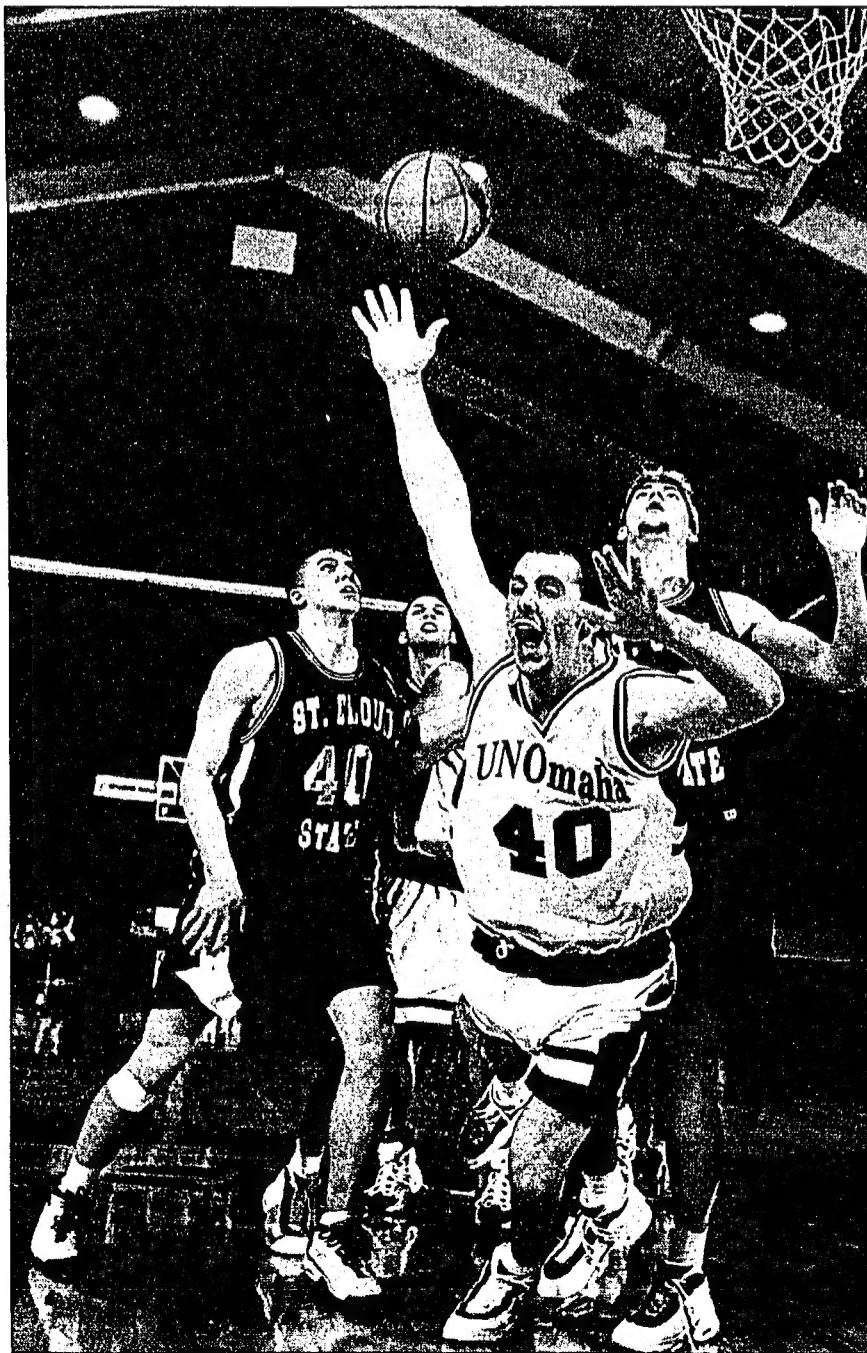
South Dakota State (11-5) starts three players averaging in double figures: freshman guard Austin Hansen (13.8 points per game), senior guard Terry Cress (11.8 ppg), and sophomore center Andy Cone (10.7 ppg).

SDSU leads the overall series 29-22 over the Mavs. UNO produced a 79-78 victory the last time these two teams met during the 1998-99 season.

Augustana (10-6) also puts out a trio of starters averaging in double figures: senior guard Nate White (15.4 ppg), senior guard Roman Evans (11.8 ppg), and senior center Chad Welk (11.4 ppg).

The Vikings lead the overall series with UNO 32-27. The Mavs took both of their games against Augustana last season, 70-68 at home, 85-71 at the Elmen Center.

Coach Lehman will start senior guard Mike Simons (17.2 ppg), senior forward Bob Wettstein (11.4 ppg), senior center Mike Foltynski (9.1 ppg), sophomore forward Corey Hahn (9.9 ppg), and junior guard Gary Morgan (3.7 ppg).



Chris Machian

Senior Bob Wettstein is fouled in the lane during last weekend's win over St. Cloud State. Wettstein finished the game with 11 points, seven rebounds and three assists. UNO's defense held the high scoring Huskies to 43 points below their average.

Mav Women to Take on South Dakota State and Augustana

AMY M. MUHLBAUER

Staff Writer

This weekend Paula Buscher and the Mavs will have their work cut out for them as they travel north to take on South Dakota State tonight and Augustana tomorrow night. Both games tip-off at 6 p.m.

The Mavericks will go into the weekend with a 12-3 record, hoping to build upon their 4-2 North Central Conference record.

UNO will be led by Darcy Stracke, who is leading the nation in scoring averaging 26.13 points per contest. Senior Sarah Larson is ranked 20th in scoring in the NCC averaging 12.2 ppg.

In what will be the 50th meeting between these two schools, UNO leads the series 29-20. The Jackrabbits come into tonight's contest with a 12-2 record and a 4-1 conference record. These standings are good enough for a three-way tie for first place in the NCC rankings. Last weekend South Dakota suffered its first conference loss of the season against Augustana. The Vikings were able to use their home-court advantage to pull off a 90-76 victory over the Jackrabbits.

The last meeting between South Dakota and UNO was Feb. 13, 1999, when the Mavs were defeated 77-85 at Frost Arena in Brookings, S.D. Sarah Larson led the Mavs with 26 points and nine rebounds.

Saturday's matchup against the Augustana Vikings will be just as challenging. Augustana will be coming off its battle against Northern Colorado. The Vikings are 13-3 overall and 3-2 in the NCC.

Augustana has four starters averaging double digits for the season. Junior guard Nicole Tender leads the Vikings averaging 14.1 points per contest.

Last season the two teams split the wins; UNO taking the first game 85-81 in double overtime.

UNO to Cross UNL in Lincoln

KATIE RATCLIFF

Senior Staff Writer

After starting the indoor season at Doane College in Crete Neb., the UNO Track and Field team is going to be up against some challenging competition Saturday.

The Nebraska Open in Lincoln, Neb., will be the next bridge for the team to cross. Hopefully the girls from UNO cross it the quickest and come home with some first-place finishes.

Coach Tim Hendricks hopes to see his team do well at the tournament.

"There is a lot of Division I schools there," Hendricks said. "We go to the tournament every year and usually fair pretty well."

Hendricks hopes his athletes continue to decrease their times.

"Overall, I was impressed with the quality of the freshmen," he said. "We also had two upperclassmen provisionally qualify for the NCAA championships last weekend."

School record holder and All-American Carly Lambert qualified in the 60-yard dash with a time of 7.23 seconds. Junior Rochelle Gordon won the triple jump and also qualified with a jump of 37 feet, 8 3/4 inches.

Hendricks said the indoor and outdoor meets do not have too many differences.

"I think the long distance runners have an easier time during the indoor meets, but usually don't run their best times because of the shortness of the tracks," Hendricks said. "The indoor meets do not make a difference to the sprinters because the automatic timing devices help them out."

The meet will start at 9 am at the Devaney Sports Center.

PEANUT GALLERY



• Props to women's b-ball superstar Darcy Stracke who was named Nebraska Division II Player of the Week for her buzzer-beating performances last weekend against Minnesota State-Mankato and St. Cloud State. Stracke averaged 35.5 points, 7.0 steals, 5.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists in those two games. She has now scored 50 or more points in her last four games.

• Props to UNO wrestler Chris Blair ranked No. 1 in 165-pound weight class. Blair was named NCC Wrestler of the Week for his wins over No. 3-ranked Matt Gadiant of MSM and No. 4-ranked Todd Kirkpatrick of Augustana.

• How did the St. Bonaventure's student body react when things were not going well during last week's game against Temple? They pelted the Owls, the floor and the coaches with cookies. How stupid. I mean, if you're going to throw anything, throw spinach or sprouts. Cookies — that's wasting good fat and cholesterol.

• College football fans, don't despair. There are still three games left on this year's schedule: the Senior Bowl on Jan. 22, the Hula Bowl on Jan. 22, and the Gridiron Classic Jan. 29.

• For you winter sports nuts, here's this weekend's lineup: European Short Track World Cup Speedskating from Bormio, Italy; America's Cup Two-Man Bobsled from Park City, Utah; World Cup Ski Jumping from Sapporo, Japan.

• Why would anybody in their right mind want to be an NFL head coach? Why are college coaches turning down NFL head coaching jobs? Today's college coaches are earning more than enough money (contracts, sports shoe endorsements, TV shows, radio shows) to live on AND there's a heckuva lot more job security in the collegiate ranks. If you were Barry Alvarez, would you leave Wisconsin for the Packers? No, me neither.

• Blair Pins the Wins Watch: Senior grappler Chris Blair's 2-1 decision over No. 4 Todd Kirkpatrick of Augustana gives him 122 career victories. That puts him No. 5 on the UNO all-time wins list. Next up is No. 4 Brad Hildebrandt with 131.

• Jennifer Mitchell from Downtown Watch: Sophomore standout Jennifer Mitchell's three treys

against St. Cloud State gives her 75 career three-point baskets, and places her No. 4 on the all-time list. Next up is No. 3 Stacy McArthur with 79.

• Simonizing the Hoop: Senior Mike Simon's 20 points against SCSU gives him 1,178 career points and puts him No. 9 on the all-time scoring list. Next up are No. 8 Jim Gregory and Bob Mackie

with 1,196. Simons also has 155 career steals, placing him No. 3 on the all-time list. Next up is No. 2 Dean Thompson with 174.

• Weltstein Muscles In: Senior Bob Weltstein's seven rebounds against SCSU gives him 440 for his career. That puts him No. 19 on the all-time list. Next up is No. 18 Dan Olson with 451.



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